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Transmitted herewith for filing is the continuation-in-part patent application of Hartle et al. for DIMETALHYDROXY MALATE FORTIFIED FOOD MATRICES comprising 33 (thirty-three) pages of specification and claims.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed of U.S. patent application no. 10/310,108 filed 12/4/02.

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☐ \_\_\_ sheet(s) of drawings.

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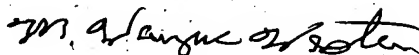
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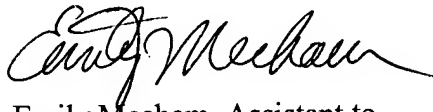
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